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Lawyer Says He Knows the Real 'Clay Bertrand'

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A New Orleans lawyer said today he knows the true identity of a mystery figure who has played a major role in District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation of the Kennedy assassination.

Dean A. Andrews, the lawyer, said the real "Clay Bertrand" is the operator of a local bar and not Clay L. Shaw, a businessman arrested after he was accused by Mr. Garrison of participation in an assassination plot. Mr. Shaw is awaiting trial.

"Clay Shaw is not, never has been, never will be and cannot be Clay Bertrand," said Mr. Andrews.

William Gurvich, who resigned early this week as a key investigator for Mr. Garrison, said that Mr. Andrews had told Mr. Garrison "months ago" that Mr. Shaw was not "Bertrand," but that Mr. Garrison had consistently refused to drop conspiracy charges against Mr. Shaw.

The real "Clay Bertrand" was described by Mr. Andrews as a "client and a friend of mine."

Mr. Andrews's testimony to the Warren Commission about the mysterious "Mr. Bertrand" was one of the developments that led Mr. Garrison to conclude that President Kennedy's death was the result of a conspiracy.

Mr. Andrews, a rotund man who talks in Damon Runyon style, told Warren Commission lawyers that Clay Bertrand sent Lee Harvey Oswald to his law office in the summer of 1963. Oswald is the man who, according to the commission, killed President Kennedy alone and unaided.

Both Mr. Andrews and Mr. Gurvich came to the Orleans Parish Criminal Courts building today to appear before the Parish grand jury.

While waiting to testify, Mr. Gurvich said he hoped "the grand jury would insist on a more neutral adviser than Garrison" in trying to assess his charges that the Kennedy investigation had involved "misconduct and malfeasance" on the part of the district attorney's office.

Mr. Gurvich told newsmen he was convinced that John Cance

a convicted burglar, was being truthful when he charged recently that a member of Mr. Garrison's staff had asked him to "put something into" Mr. Shaw's apartment.

He said he could not vouch for the story "word for word." But, he said, "somebody in the district attorney's office told me a long time back that Cance had been asked to break into Shaw's apartment."

He also said he was "constantly surprised" at the way in which Mr. Garrison developed "leads" in the assassination inquiry.

Once, he said, Mr. Garrison received a letter from a housewife in Texas who was trying to find her husband in an effort to collect support payments.

She described her husband, Mr. Gurvich said, as having a scar over his left eye and as being a native of British Honduras.